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IRONTON, MO.
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LOCAL BREVITIES.

May day Saturday.
The lovely spring time!
The strawberry season draws nigh.
The ice man will soon be a daily visitor.
Why not an electric light plant for Ironton?
What more delightful than a day in spring time?
The trees have leafed very rapidly the past week.
Shirt waists, 50 cents each, at the Racket Store.
The painters seem to be kept very busy this spring.
The summer visitors will soon put in an appearance.
The May term of the Probate Court convenes May 10th.
A splendid rain Sunday helped the growing vegetation.
The forests are assuming their spring garb of green.
It is always to be darkest Ironton, speaking without metaphor?
As the spring time comes on apace the tramp is growing scarcer.
Corn planting is receiving the attention of the farmers now a days.
All kinds of sewing machine needles and supplies at Mrs. John Newman's.
Circuit Court attracted the usual number of visitors to town this week.
Remember the school entertainment at the Academy of Music Friday evening.
Miss Mabel Davis is in charge of Mrs. Talbot's branch store at Bellevue.
The Blue Store shines forth in a brand new coat of paint and attractive colors.
Ladies, if you wish a beautiful Spring Hat at cost go to Arcadia. See notice elsewhere.
H. J. Grover is having his summer residence on Shepherd street repainted and repaired.
The W. C. T. U. will meet next Saturday, at the home of Mrs. Daisy Wamsley, Arcadia.
The board of appeals was in session a couple of days this week. But few "kicks" were made.
"Tax-payer" gives his views this week in regard to a new fence around the courthouse square.
P. H. Jaquith is an applicant for postmaster at Pilot Knob under the present administration.
A little paint put here and there, with whitewash used with taste between, Postpones with Nature newly dressed in red and blue and white and green.
The school board will probably elect teachers for the ensuing year at the meeting to be held next Wednesday.
Baldwin Bros. are progressing with the new residence they are building on Knob street just east of Mrs. Pilley's.
Capt. Byers as a post-dinner post-hole excavator is without a peer in the State, however singular this statement may appear.
The prosperity at the granite quarries, since McKinley's election, isn't what some of the bosses told the men it would be.
There seems no prospect of an accommodation train to St. Louis during the summer months, as has been fondly hoped for.
The Iron Mountain dam seems to be the favorite resort of the fishermen this season. Crowds journey there nearly every day in the week.
Hicks, the weather prophet, says we may expect a scorching summer. But then Hicks said the past winter would be an exceptionally severe one.
Rev. G. W. King will preach at the M. E. church, Ironton, next Sunday evening at 9:30 p. m. Cordial invitation to all. G. W. KING, Pastor.
Dr. T. E. C. James is having his residence on Main street tastefully and handsomely painted. The appearance of the structure is greatly improved.
A car of iron ore was shipped from Pilot Knob to one of the furnaces in St. Louis last week. May it be followed by many, many more, and that without delay.
A half-dozen mover wagons passed south through town one day last week. They were from Pike county Illinois, and bound for the lumber regions in Wayne county.
Hope springs eternal in the breast of the fisherman, and always ends in fruition on his tongue, notwithstanding it is fated that the biggest shall ever "get away."
St. Vaughn, the barber, has bought the vacant lot north of the Bonanza Annex from Howard Lindsay. St. says he will build a shop thereon at some time in the future.
The entertainment given by the Acme Concert Company at the Academy of Music Wednesday evening was a highly meritorious one in every respect, and all present enjoyed the occasion immensely.
Lopez's millinery department seems to be having an excellent trade. This is easily accounted for because they have that department in such excellent hands, and then they are continually receiving something new in the way of hats, trimmings, etc. If you want a real tasty hat, one that is a perfect dream, you must go to Lopez's for it. Their prices are in reach of every one.

Ladies' hose 5, 7 and 10 cents per pair at the Racket Store.
Mrs. J. H. Jones desires to organize a vocal class. Anyone interested in vocal music and desiring to take lessons will find her at home—the Sontag residence. Price per lesson, 50 cents.
Thirty-seven rattlesnakes were killed on one at Hogan one day last week. They were all sizes; one of the largest, about five feet long with nineteen rattles and a button is now on exhibition at the Valley Drug Store.
Edward Allen one of Conductor Polk Eiki's best brakemen, who accidentally had his foot very badly mashed recently while switching up near Bismarck, is again up and about after a month in the hospital.—*Charleston Enterprise*.
The public school entertainment occurs at the Academy of Music Friday evening. General admission, 15 cents; children, 10 cents. Reserved seats, on sale at post-office, 25 cents. An entertaining programme has been prepared for the occasion.
Wm. Spangh struck Chas. Lester, an employe at Collins' stable, over the eye with a pair of heavy shears, Monday afternoon, inflicting a painful wound. Spangh was taken before Squire Fairchild Wednesday and mulct of \$10.50—fine and costs.
H. M. Collins, the livery man, desires to make the announcement that he wants no loafers around his stable, neither does he propose to tolerate them.
He gives this as a friendly warning, and if it does not suffice more stringent means will be resorted to.
S. W. Andrews this week purchased from Chas. Landout of Dunklin county, the Smith homestead in Russellville, opposite the home of Dr. Farrar. There are eight acres of land in the tract and Mr. Andrews will build a new house thereon without delay. The location is an elegant one.
The reported killing of Joseph Mahmood, an Italian peddler, on Neal's Creek in the west end of this county, a couple of weeks since, proved to be without foundation. One of Mahmood's creditors came down from St. Louis to make an investigation last week and found his man alive and well.
Howard Melhado, will inaugurate a night school for the purpose of giving instruction in book-keeping and shorthand, in the north room, upstairs, of the Academy of Music this evening. Mr. M. is an instructor of exceptional ability, and those who desire instruction in these branches will do well to call on him.
If there is a fairer place on the foot-stool than Ironton, we confess to having missed it on our travels. We wouldn't know ozone if we met it with a railroad lantern, but if it doesn't have a vested interest in the atmosphere of the Arcadia Valley, so much the worse for ozone. It doesn't know a good thing when it sees it.
Word was received here Monday morning conveying the sad intelligence of the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones at Kenyon, Arkansas, the night before. The bereaved father and mother have the sympathy of many friends here in their affliction. May He who does all things for the best sustain them in their hour of deep sorrow!
W. S. Worley recently instituted suit against Jas. A. Reyburn and John W. Harrel for \$90, as securities on a note given by W. G. Thompson, now deceased. The case came up in Justice Fairchild's court Saturday, when the defense took a change of venue to Squire Schacht at Pilot Knob. The suit was compromised that evening, by the defendants paying \$40 and the costs of the suit.
Dr. A. W. Keith, an old and highly respected citizen of St. Francois county, died at his home in Bonne Terre last Friday morning. The deceased was one of the best known men in Southeast Missouri, and had many friends in this county, his family at one time residing in Arcadia while his children were being educated at the College. Dr. Keith was a true, good and upright man and his death is generally mourned.
W. R. Read last week purchased the stock and good-will of the firm of Haral Bros., dealers in general merchandise at Bellevue, and now has sole charge of the business. Mr. Read having been in business in Bellevue for twenty years or more needs no words of commendation to the people of that section, who all know of his strict integrity, thorough honesty, and excellent business qualifications. He respectfully solicits a share of the patronage.
An engagement that was announced last week to a few friends is that of Miss Marie Turner, daughter of Gen. John Turner, to Mr. Palmer Clarkson. This wedding has been publicly announced last Wednesday at a tea in honor of Miss Turner's birthday, but Mrs. Turner's absence—she is at her country home in Arcadia—prevented, and so far only the most intimate friends of the bride elect have been acquainted of the fact.—*Globe-Democrat*, April 25.
Last Monday about 12 o'clock the citizens of Centerville were greatly excited by the cry of fire, and every body rushing into the streets found to be the Outlook Office and Dr. Moffitt's Drug Store on fire, which were soon reduced to ashes. With all that could be done a very heavy loss was sustained by both parties. No insurance. The Outlook will be rebuilt as soon as possible. The little stock of drugs that were saved was moved into the Laclede building, where the business will be continued.—*Centerville Reformer*.
The Arcadia Valley Drug Company opened its doors for business last week. The establishment is a model and handsome one in every respect. The interior is finished in steamboat white and the stock is all brand new, presenting a most attractive appearance. The prescription case affords an elegant French plate mirror—a beauty indeed. Mr. F. Jacobs, lately of St. Louis, who is in charge, is a pharmacist of years of experience and the most careful training. His assistant is Will Gosney. Remember them when you want anything in the drug line.

"After the showers the tranquil sun" so thought the merry group of young folks, who gathered at the Brady home Sunday evening, where they were royally entertained by the Misses Brady, assisted by their sister, Mrs. Laura Boyle. At six o'clock the guests were seated to partake of a delicious supper, which was daintily prepared. Later on, ice cream (the first of the season) and cake were served, much to the delight of all present. The Misses Brady have certainly mastered the art of entertaining as their charming manners disclosed.
ONE WHO WAS THERE.
Bro. Ake, of the Ironton Register, has just returned from a pleasant visit to North Carolina, where he had a chance to see the benefit gained by beautifying a town, especially when it is regarded with favor as a resort, and at once proceeds to give his own town a mild roast for not improving appearances generally. The criticism is deserved. There is no place in Missouri that could be more easily made attractive as a resort than the Arcadia Valley. There is not such a need of a large expenditure of money, to make the place attractive, as a general disposition to fix things up and a persistence in carrying out the work. Such work would be a profitable investment.—*Bloomfield Cosmos*.
Judge Green convened circuit court shortly after the arrival of the south-bound train Monday afternoon. He then delivered the charge to the grand jury, appointing Ed. Holloman foreman. Then began the clearing of the docket, which, as has been noted, was an exceedingly light one. The court ordered the discharge of the petit jury Tuesday noon, there being not a single case on the docket requiring the intervention of a jury. This is a remarkable record, and probably can't be duplicated in another county in the State. The other business before the court has been equally light, and court has not been in session beyond an hour or so each day. The grand jury will probably report and final adjournment be reached to-day or to-morrow.
The Woolen Mill was sold at Sheriff's Sale last Tuesday, W. T. Gay and W. W. Heywood were the purchasers thereof bidding the property in for \$800. The costs in the various suits against the property amount to about \$275. This leaves \$525 to be applied to paying the judgments against the property. The judgments amount to about \$300—so the holders of these claims will receive about 16 cents on the dollar. Thus terminates the concluding act of one of the grandest frauds and humbugs ever attempted in the Arcadia Valley. Designed in corruption, fostered in iniquity, the woolen mill scheme has miserably failed, just as the REGISTER said it would when the promoters thereof first began to lay their wires to loot the people of this community! The history of the woolen mill is a story our citizens will not soon forget.
On Saturday, April 10th, 1897, Lee Howard and Salie Hale, this latter called at the Circuit Clerk's office in this town and secured a marriage license. The ceremony was performed by Squire Fairchild the same day. The parties returned to their home at Hogan. A few days later, however, it was learned that Howard had a wife living at Piedmont, and about this time he disappeared from Hogan. The grand jury investigated the matter this week, having had both wives before them, and will return an indictment against Howard for bigamy. He is thought to be at work somewhere between here and St. Louis. Wife No. 1, while waiting for the train Wednesday, after having given her testimony before the grand jury, took a walk with some young men who say she met at the hotel, and when she returned found that \$5 had been taken from her pocket book which the young man had had in his possession. In the meantime the young man escaped and his identity is not known, the woman not being able to give a description of him that will enable the officers to locate him.
An excursion train of four coaches carried the visitors from De Soto and intermediate points to the I. O. O. F. celebration at Poplar Bluff Tuesday, April 27th. A special car had been reserved for the Ironton contingent, and about seventy-five people boarded the train here. At Annapolis about twenty more got aboard, all the coaches by this time being crowded to the guards. The train left the Ironton station at 8:10 and made the run in two hours and ten minutes, reaching Poplar Bluff at 10:29. On arrival, the visitors found that the Bluffites had made every preparation to receive and entertain them. Special trains came in from other points, and the town was crowded and jammed with people. A most excellent programme had been arranged for the occasion, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the multitude in attendance. The return train for here left at 9 o'clock in the evening, reaching Ironton shortly after midnight. The excursionists all express themselves as highly gratified with the pleasures of the day and the kind and hospitable treatment they received at the hands of the good people of Poplar Bluff.
The lightning rod agent is abroad in the land, and several people who have dealt with him now wish they hadn't. On Wednesday of last week J. E. Sigman who lives a short distance from Pilot Knob on the Farmington road came to town and gave notice of his intention to protest the payment of a note for about \$200 he had given to one Cameron, agent of the Franklin Lightning Rod Company. He claimed the note was obtained through fraud. That he had been assured that the lightning rod he had bought was to cost but \$50, but had been induced to sign a note for \$200. The parties who held the note were endeavoring to negotiate it but when Sigman came in town and announced his intention of resisting payment of the same they were unable to sell it here. A couple of days thereafter the same lightning rod agent visited Mrs. Kaesemacher's farm on the Graniteville road a mile from Pilot Knob. She bought \$40 worth of lightning rods, and she and her son signed a note for \$200. A day or so afterwards another man came around to collect the note. Payment was resisted. Mrs. Kaesemacher and her son, producing

copy of a contract to show that the rods including expense of putting in position, were not to cost over \$50. The surplus \$150 the agent then explained was in payment of the first premium on a \$5,000 policy on young Kaesemacher's life in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. The young man protested that he hadn't bargained for a life insurance policy, neither did he want one, and they should certainly resist the payment of the note. The agent then left saying this would make an investigation. The agent and his confederate at present stopping at the American Hotel in this city, but Mr. Kaesemacher has heard no more from them. In the meantime, until further light is thrown on the subject, it would be well to be very careful in all your dealings with insurance and lightning rod agents who are strangers to you. Such a course may save you all manner of trouble and expense.
A petition is about to be circulated among the citizens of this town praying the council to enact an ordinance requiring all railroad trains while passing through the corporate limits to "slow up" to six miles an hour. The ground upon which this request is based is "safety to life and property," and no doubt the petition will receive substantially the signature of every citizen of Ironton, in which event of course the enactment of the desired ordinance will follow without delay. While the above is the plea upon which the petition is based, there is no question but that the spirit of retaliation is in the movement. In reply to the statement that such law would work hardship upon the company, a prominent citizen yesterday said: "Suppose it did. The managers of the Company have shown no spirit of concession to this town, and can rightfully ask no favors from us. There is more freight shipped to this town than any other between De Soto and Poplar Bluff, yet they have made a 'blind station' of Ironton. They have taken away the Arcadia Accommodation, and refuse to give us any of the traveling facilities offered by other roads to suburban resorts. Although this is the only complaint on the line from St. Louis to Poplar Bluff, they refuse to permit the, to us, most convenient trains to stop at this place. One whose business requires a day in St. Louis, must either sacrifice three days or rise at three o'clock one morning and not get to bed the next until one o'clock. When he gets to the station he finds it closed and dark, and if the weather is inclement he must stand outside and take it as best he can. The train he is waiting for may be hours late, but he can only patiently wait and let the event determine the fact. He must provide himself with a lantern to signal the train with, and either take a small boy along with him to take it back home or provide a new lantern for each trip and reckon it among the expenses. All this annoyance and trouble and inconvenience would be obviated if the most ordinary facilities were afforded us. If I want to send a telegram, or if I receive one, it costs me from twenty-five to fifty cents for a messenger to make the connection between here and Arcadia. Hardship! The railroad company takes no account of the hardships it puts upon us; why should we be so concerned about the hardship this ordinance may entail upon it? I am for the 'slow up' law." There is no question that his view of the question is the popular one; but we ask this question: Have these grievances ever been properly presented to the managers of the road? If not, would it not be well to lay all the facts before them before indulging in retaliatory measures? If the ordinance in question may be put in that category? An amicable adjustment is always preferable to an unprofitable reprisal.
Last Monday's Post-Dispatch contained an item of local interest to the Valley's social substratum. The subject of the item is known here as Mary Jones, late a denizen of Pilot Knob. "May Williams, alias May Jones, mistress of Lee Long, a Chinese gambler, is in the City Hospital, suffering from a bullet wound inflicted by Lizzie Moore, wife of another Chinaman, Wong Lung Dong. Neither of the wounds are serious. The trouble occurred in Hop Alley Sunday night. Jealousy was the cause. The wounded woman lives at 715 and her assailant lives at 717. For two years there has been a bitter feeling between the two. Last night when they met in the alley Lizzie Moore asked May Jones if she had said the Moore woman had a negro lover in Chicago. When she received an affirmative reply the Moore woman drew a revolver she had concealed in her clothing and fired two shots. She did not attempt to escape. At the Four Courts her story did not vary from that related by her rival. May Jones says she has been in St. Louis since Monday. She was the principal witness for the State in the case of Jung Jeung, who strangled his white mistress, Dora Wagner, more than a year ago. When the case came to trial she could not be found, and the Chinaman was allowed to plead guilty to manslaughter and take a thirteen year's penitentiary sentence." Supplemental to the above is the following from yesterday's *Globe-Democrat*, under the heading, "An Affecting Scene." Here, where the mother and daughter are but too well known to a common fame, the pathos of the reporter will be but as pearls cast before swine; but in other lands it no doubt will leave the breast and suffice the eyes of the gentle reader: "Mrs. Emilie Jones, the mother of Chinese May, who was shot by another woman of her class Sunday night, and who is now at the City Hospital in a serious condition, called at the hospital last night to see her daughter, having arrived from her home at Pilot Knob, Mo., a few minutes before. The first news of her daughter's condition reached Mrs. Jones yesterday morning, and she drove twelve miles in a buggy to Bismarck, where she could take the Iron Mountain train to the city. The drive was made through mud that sometimes reached almost to the hubs of the carriage, and the trip was made in less than two hours, notwithstanding the condition of the highways. Mrs. Jones reached Bismarck barely in time to catch the train, and her anxiety to see her daughter was so great that she at once rushed to the hospital. The meeting between the mother and

daughter was most affecting. Until she saw Dr. Sutter the mother knew nothing of the life her daughter had been living. 'My poor girl, my poor girl,' cried she, 'heart-broken mother: to think she has fallen so low. I believed her to be earning an honest living in a store. She was so good and kind to me. Every week she wrote a letter, enclosing money and a stamped envelope for my letters. Oh, God! why did I ever let her leave home, where we were so happy?' When the injured girl saw her mother she buried her face in the pillow and wept until her mother kissed her on the cheek and whispered words of forgiveness in her ear. Then the two embraced and the mother sat on the edge of the cot, holding the hand of her erring daughter until the latter's eyes were closed in sleep. Then kissing the pale face, she stole silently away, her face wet with tears. Should the wounded woman ultimately recover, the mother will take her back home. Until she is able to be moved or the worst happens Mrs. Jones will remain in this city, visiting her daughter as often as the physicians will allow her to do so."

As to That Iron Fence.
IRONTON, Mo., April 16, 1897.
Ed. Register—In your issue of the 15th inst., you advocate the building of an iron fence around the courthouse—the expense of which would amount up into hundreds of dollars.
Now I would suggest that as the city have ordinances to prevent hogs and horses running at large, let them pass an ordinance prohibiting cattle all over running at large in the city limits: then erect a low stone wall with a neat coping, and do away with a fence entirely. Such a plan would have a more pleasing effect to the eye, and improve the looks of Ironton more than a fence.
I should like to know why it is necessary to make the city of Ironton a cattle and calf pasture for the surrounding country as well as her citizens. We have a number one dairy in the Valley which will supply milk as cheaply as one can keep a cow within the city limits.
Pass the cattle ordinance, do away with the fence, and the courthouse yard and building will not have the look of being in a prison. The up-to-date march of improvement, is to do away with fences in towns and cities, and where I have seen them the effect to the eye is grand. I am opposed to a fence around courthouse and also to stock of any kind running at large.
TAXPAYER.

Wants to Know, You Know.
IRONTON, Mo., April 27, 1897.
Ed. Register—When the projectors of the lamented woolen mills came to this Valley and talked to our people, they proposed to build and operate said mills on condition that the people pay to said men the sum of \$2,000. I am one who promised a small sum, and just before the thing collapsed an agent of the company came around soliciting the donors to pay part of their promises. I paid part of mine. I would like to know what became of it? I would like to know how much was collected? I think I have a right to know.
INQUIRE.

Coal Oil—An Affidavit.
Editor Register—It having come to my knowledge that certain parties having circulated in Ironton and vicinity that coal oil, 175 fire-test, cannot be sold at 16c a gallon, we wish to say that we are selling coal oil outside of the "coal oil combine" at 16c a gallon.
W. H. BYERS.
Bonanza Annex.
The following affidavit speaks for itself:
IRONTON, April 28, 1897.
Personally appeared before me, Arthur Huff, Circuit Clerk for Iron county, W. H. Byers, who, being duly sworn, says that the coal oil now sold him at 16c a gallon has a fire-test of 175, as inspected and branded on each and every barrel by G. P. Brounagh, Coal Oil Inspector for St. Louis.
W. H. BYERS.
Sworn and subscribed to before me [SEAL] this April 28th, 1897.
ARTHUR HUFF, Clerk Circuit Court Iron Co., Mo.

Pilot Knob Items.
Ed. Register—School closed Friday. R. M. Hunter was suddenly called to Farmington to attend court.
The exhibition was very good, owing to the fact that the professor was absent.
Mrs. Hinsdale, accompanied by Miss Annie Katha, left for Chicago Friday. William Kessler left for Fredericktown last week.
Five mover wagons passed through town last Thursday.
Mrs. Trauerich of Flat River is visiting her mother, Mrs. P. Gestenmeyer.
Gardening is the chief industry in town at the present.
Wylie Cress, traveling salesman for the Goddard Grocer Co., was in town soliciting orders for his firm last Saturday.
Mr. J. Stafford, our liveryman, is having his buggies repainted.
Mr. Richardson, editor of the Republican paper, was in town Friday last.
Mrs. J. Thomas and family of Fosters, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Donnell.
B. F. Key is the winner of E. B. Immer's bicycle.
H. S. Edinger of Delta, Mo., is paying a visit to his parents.
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Granville, Mo., April 28, 1897.

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Successor to Giovannoni & Riecke.
Ironton, Mo., April 6, 1897.

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